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## H.R. 2857, to facilitate the addition of park administration at the Coltsville National Historical Park, and for other purposes

### FLOOR SITUATION

On Tuesday, March 22, 2016, the House will consider [H.R. 2857](#), to facilitate the addition of park administration at the Coltsville National Historical Park, and for other purposes, under suspension of the rules. H.R. 2857 was introduced on June 23, 2015 by Rep. John Larson (D-CT) and was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, which ordered the bill reported by unanimous consent on February 3, 2016.

### SUMMARY

H.R. 2857 revises a condition for establishment of the Coltsville National Historical Park in Connecticut to require the state, the city, or the private property owner to enter into a written agreement with the Department of the Interior to donate at least 10,000 square feet of space in the Colt Armory Complex.

### BACKGROUND

Coltsville National Historical Park, located in Hartford, Connecticut was authorized to be included as a unit of the National Park System (NPS) in 2014. The Coltsville site is approximately 260 acres and holds structures and artifacts associated with the development of Colt Firearms, the Samuel Colt family and their place in American history.<sup>1</sup>

Public Law 113-291 specified that Coltsville will not become a unit of the Park System until the Secretary of the Interior has received sufficient land and property donations to constitute a manageable unit. The law requires that at least 10,000 feet of space in the East Armory be donated by the state of Connecticut, the city of Hartford, or the private property owner, for park administration and visitor services.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See [Natural Resources Committing Hearing Memo](#)

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

## **COST**

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) [estimates](#) that implementing this legislation would have an insignificant cost and subject to the availability of appropriated funds. Because enacting H.R. 2857 would not affect direct spending or revenues, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

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